

Synopsis of
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SYNOPSIS OF MONTANA FISHING, AND BIG GAME SEASONS.

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TYPES OF LICENSES AND FEES

Resident Bird and Fish License.....	\$ 2.00
Resident Big Game.....	1.00
Sportsman License.....	5.00
Non-Resident Seasonal Fishing License.....	5.00
Non-Resident 10-Day Limited Fishing.....	2.50
Non-Resident Bird.....	10.00
Non-Resident Big Game.....	30.00
Alien Fishing.....	10.00
Alien Bird.....	30.00
Alien Big Game.....	50.00

Trappers' License.....	\$10.00
Land Owner's Trapping License.....	1.00
Resident Fur Dealer's License.....	1.00
Non-Resident Dealer's License.....	25.00
Fur Dealers' Agent's License.....	10.00
Beaver Permits (to land owners or lessees only).....	10.00
Fur Farmer's License.....	(no fee)
Taxidermist's License.....	\$15.00
Guide's License.....	10.00

Shipping Permits50
(Shipping permits are obtained either direct from this office or from Deputy Game Wardens and are necessary when any resident ships any fish, game animals or parts thereof out of the State. Non-Residents may ship their fish or game without a permit upon presenting the proper license to the express agent or postmaster.)

**Save Wild Life by Preventing Fires—Make Sure Your
Fire is Completely Out and Leave a Clean Camp.**

Game Animals—Deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, goat, and bear.

Fur-Bearing Animals—Marten or sable, otter, fox, muskrat, fisher, mink, raccoon and beaver.

Predatory Animals—Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, lynx, weasel, skunk and civet cat, black-footed ferret, and bobcat.

Game Fish—Mountain trout, cutthroat or native trout, rainbow, grayling, steelhead trout, Dolly Varden trout, Loch Leven trout, Chinook salmon, Silver salmon, Sock-eye salmon, Rocky Mountain whitefish, perch, ringed perch, large mouth black bass, small mouth black bass, Great Northern pike, pike, wall-eyed pike, yellow pike, Mackinaw trout.

Upland Game Birds—Sharptailed grouse, blue grouse, prairie chicken, sage hen or sage grouse, fool hen, ruffed grouse, quail, Chinese pheasant and Mongolian pheasant, Hungarian partridge, ptarmigan and wild turkey.

Migratory Game Birds—Waterfowl, including wild ducks, wild geese, brant and swans; cranes, including little brown sandhill coots and whooping cranes, rails, including gallinules, sora or other rails, shore birds, including avocets, curlew, dowitcher, gotwits, knots, upland plover, killdeer, sandpipers, Wilson snipes or jacksnipes, snipes, stilts, plovers, willets, and yellowlegs; and mourning or turtle doves.

Non-Game Birds—All wild birds not defined herein as upland game birds or migratory game birds, shall be deemed non-game birds.

GENERAL FISHING SEASON

Regular Open Season: May 21 to March 14, both dates inclusive.

Regular Closed Season: March 15 to May 20, both dates inclusive.

The Bag Limit shall be fifteen (15) pounds and one fish or fifteen (15) fish, (not more than five (5) of which shall be under seven (7) inches in length.)

Means of Taking: Only with hook, line or pole in hand, unless set-line fishing is specifically mentioned. For information on open and closed waters consult Montana Fish and Game Commission, Helena, Montana, Deputy Fish and Game Wardens or your license dealer.

WATERS AND FISHING AS TO COUNTIES

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

Big Hole River.....	Rainbow and Grayling
Beaverhead.....	Rainbow and Whitefish
Bloody Dick.....	Natives and Eastern Brook
North Fork Big Hole.....	Rainbow and Natives

BIG HORN COUNTY

Big Horn.....	Pike and Catfish
Little Horn.....	Rainbow and Natives
Lodge Grass.....	Rainbow and Natives
Soap Creek.....	Rainbow and Natives
Dry Head.....	Rainbow and Natives
Pass Creek.....	Rainbow and Natives

BROADWATER COUNTY

Missouri River.....	Rainbow and Loch Leven
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CARBON COUNTY

Yellowstone River.....	Pike and Catfish
Stillwater.....	Rainbow and Loch Leven
West Fork Rosebud.....	Rainbow
Rock Creek.....	Rainbow

CASCADE COUNTY

Missouri River.....	Rainbow, Natives, Loch Leven, Whitefish
Smith River.....	Rainbow, Natives, Loch Leven, Whitefish
Belt Creek.....	Rainbow, Eastern Brook, Natives
Sun River.....	Rainbow, Eastern Brook

CARTER COUNTY

Little Missouri.....	Catfish
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CHOUTEAU COUNTY

Missouri River.....	Catfish and Pike
Highwood Creek.....	Natives and Brook

CUSTER COUNTY

Yellowstone River.....	Catfish, Pike and Ling
Tongue River.....	Catfish, Pike and Ling

DAWSON COUNTY

Yellowstone River.....	Catfish, Pike and Bass
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FERGUS COUNTY

Big Spring.....	Rainbow
Warm Spring.....	Rainbow
East Fork.....	Rainbow and Brook
Middle Fork.....	Rainbow and Natives

FLATHEAD COUNTY

Flathead River.....	Natives
North Fork.....	Natives
South Fork.....	Natives
Middle Fork.....	Natives
Swan River.....	Natives
Thompson River.....	Natives

GALLATIN COUNTY

Gallatin River.....	Rainbow and Natives
Madison River.....	Rainbow, Natives, Loch Leven, Grayling
Sixteen Mile.....	Rainbow

GARFIELD COUNTY

Missouri River.....	Catfish, Pike and Ling
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WATERS AND FISHING AS TO COUNTIES (Continued)

GRANITE COUNTY

Rock Creek	Natives and Bulltrout
Big Hole River	Natives, Rainbow and Grayling
Little Blackfoot	Natives and Loch Leven
Copper Creek	Natives

JUDITH BASIN COUNTY

South Fork Judith	Natives and Rainbow
Running Wolf	Natives and Rainbow

LAKE COUNTY

Flathead River	Natives and Dolly Varden
Swan River	Natives, Dolly Varden and Rainbow
Jocko River	Natives, Dolly Varden and Rainbow
Crow Creek	Rainbow and Brook

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY

Sun River	Rainbow and Natives
Dearborn River	Rainbow and Natives
Missouri River	Rainbow, Natives, Loch Leven, Whitefish
Big Blackfoot	Natives and Dolly Varden
Mountain Creek	Natives and Dolly Varden
Clearwater	Rainbow

LINCOLN COUNTY

Yaak River	Rainbow and Natives
Stillwater	Natives and Dolly Varden
Fisher River	Rainbow and Natives

MADISON COUNTY

Madison River	Rainbow and Loch Leven
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Jefferson River	Rainbow and Loch Leven
Ruby Creek	Rainbow and Natives
Meadow Creek	Natives and Eastern Brook

MEAGHER COUNTY

Smith River	Rainbow, Natives and Whitefish
Musselshell	Rainbow, Natives and Brook
Sixteen Mile	Rainbow, Natives and Brook
Sheep Creek	Rainbow, Natives and Brook
Cottonwood	Rainbow and Natives

MINERAL COUNTY

Thompson River	Rainbow and Natives
Bull River	Eastern Brook
St. Regis River	Rainbow

MISSOULA COUNTY

South Fork Flathead	Natives and Bulltrout
Clearwater	Natives and Bulltrout

MUSSELSHELL COUNTY

Musselshell River	Rainbow and Loch Leven
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PHILLIPS COUNTY

Milk River	Catfish, Pike and Ling
Missouri River	Catfish, Pike and Ling

POWDER RIVER COUNTY

Powder River	Catfish
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POWELL COUNTY

Copper Creek	Natives
Big Blackfoot	Natives and Bulltrout

WATERS AND FISHING AS TO COUNTIES (Continued)

RAVALLI COUNTY

Bitter Root	Rainbow and Natives
Missoula River	Rainbow and Natives
Blackfoot River	Rainbow and Natives, also Bulltrout
Clarks Fork	Rainbow and Natives, also Bulltrout
Rock Creek	Rainbow and Natives

RICHLAND COUNTY

Yellowstone River	Catfish
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ROSEBUD COUNTY

Yellowstone River	Catfish
Big Horn River	Catfish, Rainbow and Natives
Little Horn	Rainbow and Natives
Lodge Grass	Rainbow and Natives
Soap Creek	Rainbow and Natives
Dry Head	Rainbow and Natives
Pass Creek	Rainbow and Natives

SANDERS COUNTY

Clarks Fork	Rainbow, Whitefish and Bulltrout
Thompson River	Rainbow and Natives
Fish Creek	Rainbow and Natives
Prospect Creek	Rainbow and Natives

SILVER BOW COUNTY

Big Hole River	Rainbow and Grayling
Jefferson River	Eastern Brook and Loch Leven
Boulder River	Eastern Brook, Rainbow and Natives
Divide Creek	Natives

Lowland Creek	Natives
Pipestone Creek	Natives and Brook
Breans Gulch	Natives

STILLWATER COUNTY

Stillwater River	Rainbow and Loch Leven
West Rosebud	Rainbow and Loch Leven

SWEET GRASS COUNTY

Sweet Grass Creek	Rainbow and Loch Leven
Big Timber Creek	Rainbow and Loch Leven
Boulder River	Rainbow and Loch Leven

TETON COUNTY

Sun River	Rainbow and Natives
Teton River	Rainbow, Natives and Whitefish

TREASURE COUNTY

Yellowstone River	Ling, Catfish, Pike and Rainbow
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VALLEY COUNTY

Milk River	Pike and Catfish
Missouri River	Pike and Catfish

WIBAUX COUNTY

Yellowstone River	Pike and Catfish
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YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Yellowstone River	Pike and Catfish
Rock Creek	Rainbow, Natives and Loch Leven
Clarks Fork	Pike and Catfish

UNLAWFUL

- To fish without a license on person.
- To refuse to show license on demand.
- To use more than one line or line and rod held in the hand.
- To sell or offer for sale any game or game fish.
- To transport or ship game or game fish out of the State without a shipping permit. (Non-resident's exempt.)
- To use or have in possession salmon eggs or salmon spawn or any imitations thereof.
- To use set-lines except in such waters as designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.
- To fish thru the ice or thru a hole in the ice, except in such waters as are designated under proper order of the State Fish and Game Commission.
- To use live minnows in the following Counties and areas: Flathead County, in its entirety; Lincoln County, in its entirety; the Boulder River above the Natural Bridge in Sweet Grass County; the Madison River from Meadow Dam to Yellowstone Park, including Meadow and Hebgen Lakes, in Gallatin and Madison Counties, and all waters tributary to the Gibson Reservoir in Lewis & Clark and Teton Counties.
- To use or have in your possession a fish spear.
- To use or have in your possession a hoop-net without proper permit.
- To use or have in your possession a seine without proper permit.
- To have more than five (5) game fish under seven (7) inches in length in your possession.
- To hunt or kill game animals or game birds from an automobile or from or on any public highway.
- To hunt or shoot, drive or flush any game birds, game animals or fur-bearing animals from an airplane.
- To hunt game animals or game birds with a gun silencer in your possession.
- To use artificial light, trap, snare or salt lick to entice game animals.
- To use any carbide, lime, giant powder, dynamite or other explosive compounds, or any corrosive or narcotic poison or to have any of same in one's possession within (100) feet of any stream where fish are found, for the purpose of stunning or killing fish.
- To destroy evidence of sex of deer.
- To shoot fish with rifle or gun.

PENALTY

Persons violating any of the fish and game laws of the State of Montana or any order of the State Fish and Game Commission are subject to a fine and/or imprisonment of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one hundred eighty (180) days.

The law provides that all devices used in the taking of game and fur-bearing animals, fish or game birds illegally, are subject to confiscation.

The Migratory Waterfowl seasons and regulations as set by Federal authority are accepted and confirmed by the Montana State Fish and Game Commission.

Minors under fifteen (15) years of age may pursue, hunt, shoot, kill, take and capture game birds and fish for and take fish, during the open season without a license. All persons under fifteen (15) years of age desiring to hunt big game must be in possession of a big game license.

Before lending your favorite Rod or Gun, make sure that the party has the proper license in his possession.

A true sportsman will not take his full limit of fish each time he goes fishing.

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